



Learn a New Language



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National Security Language Initiative for Youth

NSLI for Youth is part of a multi-agency U.S. government initiative launched in January 2006 to improve Americans' ability to engage with people from around the world who speak Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Farsi), Russian and Turkish. The Department of State, in cooperation with American Councils, AFS-USA, iEARN-USA, and Concordia Language Villages, awards full merit-based scholarships to high school students for participation in summer, semester, and academic-year language programs in countries where the seven NSLI for Youth languages are spoken. Programs immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures.

Language Scholarships

NSLI for Youth Scholarships cover all program costs, including round-trip travel to the program host city, tuition, educational and cultural activities, pre-departure and re-entry orientations, visa fees, room and board, and Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges (ASPE) health benefits.

Program Durations and Locations

Summer, semester, and academic-year programs are located in China, Egypt, India, Jordan, Korea, Morocco, Russia, Tajikistan, and Turkey.

Language Study and Cultural Immersion

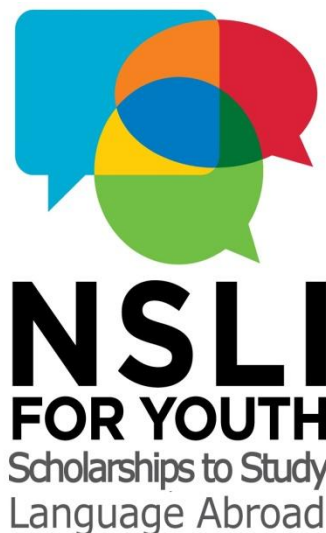
NSLI for Youth scholars participate in intensive language classes (4 hr/day), homestays, and community service projects, embracing formal and informal opportunities for meaningful language practice with in-country counterparts.

Application

NSLI for Youth only accepts on-line applications. To apply go to: <http://www.nsliforyouth.org/>

Ask past NSLI for Youth scholars about their experience at the NSLI-Y Group social network: <http://connect.state.gov/>

Application Deadline: December 4, 2009
For more information contact American Councils at **1.866.790.2086**



Eligibility

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in high school or have just graduated and be between the ages of 15 and 18 at the start of the program.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 is required (on a 4.0 scale).
- The U.S. Department of State and American Councils seek broad diversity, including but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, and disabilities.

Alumni and Social Networks

NSLI for Youth scholars join a network of over 500 alumni actively pursuing academic and professional careers. Alumni mentor future applicants, take part in on-line discussions about future careers lead by national experts, educate local communities about their host culture, publish an on-line newsletter, and continue language study. NSLI for Youth on-line information:

NSLI for Youth Website:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nsl.html>

NSLI-Y Alumni Community:

<https://alumni.state.gov/landing-page>

NSLI-Y Group Social Network:

<http://connect.state.gov/>

Partner Sub-Grant Opportunities Summer 2010

NSLI for Youth offers opportunities for local schools, school districts, universities and private organizations to apply for sub-grants in order to organize and implement overseas summer intensive language programs for high school students.

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